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Ministers of National Security and Finance with respect to
2008 Majors List benchmarks:

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SUBJECT: USG AND GOJ NARCOTICS CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR 2008

Each year, we are required by U.S. law to assess progress
made by major drug transit and/or producer countries with
respect to international narcotics control objectives.
Jamaica is considered a major producer of cannabis and a
major transit country for cocaine.

Cooperative anti-drug programs have proven their value, and
the most powerful defense against the drug trade is political
will) if political will is weak, corruption soon sets in.
Corruption undermines the rule of law, puts democratic
government in jeopardy, and sabotages cooperative efforts
against drug trafficking.

We would like to engage with you in a dialogue regarding
counter-narcotics objectives for the near term, and to
present counter-narcotics benchmarks that, if met, will be
given due consideration by the U.S. in evaluating compliance
with goals and objectives of the 1988 UN Convention and our
bilateral counter-narcotics agreement. We will continue our
dialogue with you on this subject throughout the year.

Jamaica, the Caribbean's largest producer of marijuana, has a
coastline that is difficult to patrol, as well as over 100
unmonitored airstrips, busy commercial and cruise ports which
combine to make it an attractive transit country for cocaine.

Working with the new government to implement reforms within
the Ministry of National Security, such as fighting internal
corruption and developing a rational training and assignment
process for the JCF, will contribute greatly in the fight
against drug trafficking.

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) should increase interdiction
activities by making key arrests of drug traffickers and
dismantling at least one major trafficking organization.

The GOJ should implement reform recommendations of the
Ministry of National Security's Strategic Review of the JCF,
including the ability to dismiss and prosecute corrupt police
officers regardless of rank; and the vetting of both current
officers and new recruits.

The GOJ should undertake thorough investigations into

allegations of police corruption, regardless of rank, and create a special prosecutor for public corruption cases.

It is important to pass legislation to create the National Independent Investigative Agency (NIIA) to coordinate investigations of public corruption for action by the new Anti-Corruption Special Prosecutor. Ideally, the NIIA will combine tax, the Financial Investigations Division (FID), police investigators, and intelligence analysts under one umbrella organization.

Jamaica should participate in at least one regional drug interdiction exercise, to promote counter-narcotics cooperation in the Caribbean.

The GOJ should strengthen and ensure the independence of the FID through passage of the FID Act, which will permit Jamaica to join the Egmont Group and allow for greater data sharing between the U.S. and Jamaica on money laundering investigations.

The GOJ is encouraged to continue to move forward expeditiously on pending extraditions of wanted criminals in the United States. Such cooperation exemplifies the level of bilateral cooperation on law enforcement.

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